



Ruth Marie SUSEDIK

Born in Johnson, Arkansas on Apr. 10, 1928
Died on Apr. 29, 2007 and resided in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Ruth Marie Susedik, a colorful thread enriching the tapestry of Coeur d'Alene life for nearly 50 years, passed away April 29, 2007 at home. She was born April 10, 1928 in Johnson, Arkansas to Manson and Alpha (Wooten) Mason. She and her parents moved to Southern California when she was six. Arriving in Coeur d'Alene in 1959 with her husband Frank, four children, and one carsick dog, Ruth's common sense, courage and inspirational work ethic prevailed in creating a quality life for her family.

Her successful business ventures included; Timberline Catering (1960's – the mobile "lunch wagons" serving workers on breaks at the Potlatch Sawmill as well as the students of Coeur d'Alene High School on 15th

Street); the Four Season's Restaurant (open 24 hours daily at Government Way and Appleway); and The Back Door tavern.

Ruth expressed deep appreciation for the many kindnesses shared by wonderful friends that have remained active in her life...friends, many for decades from bowling and pool leagues, old neighborhoods, the '31' card club and dancing. She loved to dance and performed with spunk as a member of the "Boot-Scootin' Grannies" and the "Still Kickin' Cloggers" for nursing home residents, county fairs and special events.

Ruth's ready laughter permeates her grandchildren's favorite childhood memories, her humor and strength fueling our family for years. She was 'homebase', unflinchingly open to an ever-expanding family...providing shelter, love, safe harbor, a helping hand, praise and encouragement, or even a 'kick in the keister' as needed. Of all her accomplishments, she was most proud of her children.

Ruth has touched lives, hearts, minds and funny bones of family, friends and those fortunate enough to connect with her path even briefly. She will live in our hearts for as long as we walk this earth as countless sweet memories continue to light our lives.

She and her family especially thank Tori and Sally for their selfless time, energy and care these past few months, and the wonderful people of Hospice of North Idaho.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Frank in 1972. She is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Teresa and Keith Brown, Deborah and Dale Parkins, Dee Ayn and Jim Baillie; her son and his wife, Frank and Debbie Susedik; 15 beloved grandchildren and 16 cherished great grandchildren.

A service in celebration of her life will be Monday, May 14, 2007 at the Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene Chapel. The family prefers memorials to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835.